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1. A. What do you know about Romeo's and Juliet's lives at this point in the play? Explain, citing details from the play that support your answer.
That their families are basically enemies. This is shown when the officer says, "Clubs, bills, and partisans! Strike! Beat them down! Down with the Capulets! Down with the Montagues!". We also know that once they were at the party, that they basically fell in love.
B. How are their circumstances both similar and different?
The similarity is that both of their families hate each other, but something different about them is that Juliet is being pressured by her family to marry someone, but Romeo's family is just chill.
2. What threats to Romeo and Juliet's love are evident in Act I? Support your answer with details from the play
The threat of the two families. Tybalt warns Capulet by telling him, "Uncle, this is a Montague, our foe, A villain, that is hither come in spite". Capulet is kind of chill and replies with "Content thee, gentle coz, let him alone. A bears him like a portly gentleman, and to tell the truth, Verona brags of him to be a virtuous and well-governed youth... "
3. A. What information about the two feuding households is presented in the Prologue?
The prologue states "From ancient grudge break to new mutiny", the ancient grudge represents the feud between the two families
B. How does Juliet's comment in Act 1 Scene 5, lines 137-138, echo with the Prologue? Explain your response
The prologue mentions the family grudge, which explains Juliet's comment. Romeo and Juliet's love springs in between the tensions between the families.
4. Refer to the glosses to clarify details. Then, summarize Capulet's scolding of Tybalt in Act 1, Scene 5, lines 77-87
Capulet is basically telling Tybalt to not care about it, as it has nothing to do with him and will only increase tensions between the two families.
5. A. Explain Juliet's play on words in her speech from Act 1, Scene 5, lines 96-99
Juliet is playing along with Romeo, responding to what Romeo said previously. She basically tells him that his hand is welcome, and then proceeds to make an analogy with pilgrims and hands.
B. Write a summary of her speech
Kind sir, your hand is worthy enough. Pilgrims touch the hands of saints, so holding one palm against the other is basically a kiss
6. Cite two examples of dialogue in Act 1, Scene 1, that show Benvolio's peacemaking personality
"Part fools! Put up your swords. You know not what you do"
"I do but keep the peace. Put up thy sword, or manage it to part these men with me"
7. Using a chart like the one shown, explain what the dialogue between the Nurse, Juliet, and Lady Capulet in Scene 3 reveals about the three characters

Character	Nurse	Juliet	Lady Capulet
Dialogue	Now, by my maidenhead at twelve year old, I bad her. What, lamb! What,	My only love, sprung from my only hate! Too early seen unknown, and known	Well, think of marriage now. Younger than you. Here in Verona,

	ladybird! God forbid, where's this girl? What. Juliet!	too late! Prodigious birth of love it is to me that I must love a loathed enemy	ladies of esteem are made already mothers. By my count, I was your mother much upon these years
Reveals	The nurse treats Juliet like her child, she's very close with her.	Juliet is willing to do anything	Lady Capulet tries to pressure Juliet to marry

8. A. Identify three examples of stage directions from the text that do more than simply dictate character's movements on and off stage

Music plays and they dance. This is where Romeo and Juliet really start to like each other
Kisses her. (Every appearance). This shows the growing love between Romeo and Juliet

- B. Explain what each direction shows about the characters and the action

Romeo and Juliet are young and they fall in love.

9. Judging from Romeo's behavior in Act 1, do you think Shakespeare accurately portrays a teenager in love? Cite details from the text to support your answer

I think it can be similar to teenagers in love, but in my opinion it is a little exaggerated. It's similar to some dramas I've watched before though